

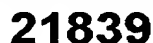
**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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[] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.



☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	No. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	8	MINUS 20 =	-0-	× \$18.00 (103) =	-0-
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	-0-	× \$80.00 (102) =	-0-
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					-0-
Total Application Fee					710.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					-0-
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$ if Assignment document is enclosed					-0-
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					710.00

[] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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